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The indictment of the directors of the suspended Night and Day Bank of St. Louis on the charge that they allowed the bank to receive deposits after it was known to have become insolvent—a penal offense under the law—has doubtless created a sensation in banking circles generally. There is little probability, however, that the prosecuting officers really purpose to make the directors suffer the prescribed penalty for their infraction of the banking law, or that a jury could be found to convict them under it. All these directors are men of the highest moral character as well as social standing and it cannot under any circumstance be assumed that any of them had a guilty knowledge of the insolvency of the bank they directed before its actual suspension. The purpose of the indictment, to our mind, is to call all bank directors in the state to the sense of their duty as prescribed by the law, that has the object of preventing the misuse of a bank's funds by any of its executive officers. In the case of the Night and Day Bank as in that of the late Peoples Bank of De Soto and a number of others that have occurred in the state within a recent period, the bank was under mined by an executive officer in whom the members of the board of directors of the institution had absolute confidence and whose periodic report of its solvency they passed upon without question or examination as to its reliability. They felt they could not do otherwise or offer the implication that they did not trust the reliability of the statement. And that is the rock upon which banks are wrecked—a feeling of delinquency in applying the duty the statutes impose on bank directors. Just how this difficulty may be overcome is not easily determined. Perhaps an amendment to the state banking law making it compulsory for bank directors to give the affairs of their respective institutions personal examination at reasonably frequent intervals might prove to be of benefit, seeing that the force of inspectors employed by the department of the State Bank Commissioner is inadequate to give such frequent reviews. Meanwhile, while bank failures are always to be deplored and their occurrence must urge further steps towards still greater banking safety than we already enjoy, we have cause for congratulation in the fact that it is the rule rather than the exception that our banks are conducted by careful and conscientious men, and that where one bank has failed a thousand give us secure depositories for our money.

In Russia they have no taxes now and also nothing else much.

The Democrats are keen for honest elections as long as they are not proposed for the Solid South, where that kind of an election hasn't happened since Hector's grandeur was a pup.

Although this is an off year in state politics in Missouri, it is not unreasonably early to take thought of available men for the gubernatorial succession in 1924. Looking over the field of possibilities in that connection, we see no one that strikes our fancy more than State Senator David M. Proctor of Kansas City. Senator Proctor gave evidence during his career as a member of the Fifty-third General Assembly that he is a man with a broad-minded view of public affairs in general and possesses a clear and comprehensive insight of Missouri's requirements for a progressive and great future on the lines laid down by the party in power in the state. We do not know, of course, that the Senator has his eye fixed on the Republican nomination for governor in 1924, but it is not quite beyond the range of possibilities that he may become a candidate for it in good time, and we are quite disposed to help the idea along in the meantime.

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## PROBATE COURT DOCKET—FEBRUARY TERM.

Docket of cases in which settlements are due from executors, administrators, guardians and custodians at the ensuing term of the Probate Court of Washington County, Missouri, to be held at the Court House in the city of Potosi, Missouri, on the second Monday in February, 1922.

First Day—Monday, January 31st, 1922

ESTATE.	NAME AND OFFICE.	SETTLEMENT
Edward Hanson, minor.	Chas. A. Young, guardian.	Final.
Hays Winemiller, minor.	Ida May Simpson, guardian.	Annual.
Rella E. Pison, minor.	Kate Pison, guardian.	Annual.
Chester Wideman, minor.	Albert S. Wideman, guardian.	Annual.
Edward T. Stephens, deceased.	Jas. M. Stephens, administrator.	Final.
Clifford Barton, minor.	J. W. Settle, guardian.	Annual.
Everett Declue et al., minors.	Minnie Declue Rolo, guardian.	Annual.
B. Z. Goodson, deceased.	J. H. Goodson, administrator.	Annual.
Elizabeth Jolly, deceased.	J. W. Settle, administrator.	Annual.
William Riehl, deceased.	Mae Townsend, administrator.	Final.

Second Day—Tuesday, February 14th, 1922.

ESTATE.	NAME AND OFFICE.	SETTLEMENT
Jane E. Amosette, deceased.	Geo. H. Eveasole, executor.	Final.
Sylvester C. Mason, deceased.	John B. Mason, executor.	Annual.
Frank A. Martin, minor.	F. M. Deggendorf, guardian.	Annual.

1. Lovel Bryan, judge and ex-officio clerk of the Probate Court of Washington County, Missouri, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true copy of the settlement docket for the February term, 1922, of said court as same appears of record in my office. In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said court at my office in Potosi, Missouri, this 25th day of January, 1922.

(SEAL) LOVEL BRYAN, Judge and Ex-officio Clerk of the Probate Court.

## To All Automobile Owners in City of Potosi

The City Ordinances require all owners of automobiles to register their automobiles with the City Clerk giving the make of car and motor number, and to pay a City License Tax on said automobile, before February 1st of each year. The license tax for 1922 is due and payable during this month. Upon payment of same 1922 auto tag will be issued you.

Wilson Bell, City Clerk.

## County Clerk's Notice of Special Election

NOTICE is hereby given that a Special Election will be held at the regular polling places in each Precinct of Washington County, Missouri, on

Tuesday, January 31st, 1922, for the purpose of electing delegates to a Constitutional Convention to revise and amend the Constitution of the State of Missouri. The polls of said election will be open between the hours of 6 o'clock in the morning and 7 o'clock in the evening of said day.

That the following is a list of all the names of the persons to be voted for as Delegates at said Special Election, to-wit:

## REPUBLICAN TICKET

24th Senatorial District.

FOR DISTRICT DELEGATE TO CONVENTION TO REVISE AND AMEND THE CONSTITUTION OF MISSOURI.

(Vote for one only)

A. H. HARRISON

## DEMOCRATIC TICKET

24th Senatorial District.

FOR DISTRICT DELEGATE TO CONVENTION TO REVISE AND AMEND THE CONSTITUTION OF MISSOURI.

(Vote for one only.)

FRANK H. FARRIS

## For Delegate-at-Large to Convention to Revise and Amend the Constitution of Missouri.

(Vote for fifteen.)

Norman A. Mealey.

Joshua W. Alexander.

George H. Williams.

Daniel G. Taylor.

William Backe.

William T. Johnson.

## STATE OF MISSOURI, County of Washington—ss.

I, Jeff Higginbotham, Clerk of the County Court within and for the County and State aforesaid, hereby certify that the attached forms of ballots for Delegates to Constitutional Convention are a true and correct copy as certified to me by Secretary of State of State of Missouri under date of January 14th, 1922.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court. Done at Office in Potosi, Missouri, this 10th day of January, 1922. (Seal)

JEFF HIGGINBOTHAM, Clerk of the County Court, Washington County, Missouri.

## Bank Robbed Often.

Shipshewanna, Ind.—The Farmers' State bank here was robbed of \$10,000 in currency and Liberty bonds early the other day. The safe had been opened with the aid of an acetylene torch. Officials said the loss was covered by insurance. Local authorities believe three men who came here late in the day in an automobile committed the robbery. It was the ninth time the bank had been robbed in 20 years and the third time this year. Robbers are hoisted to safety west of Lagrange.

## The ORIOLE

By BOOTH TARKINGTON

Illustrations by Irwin Myers

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## SYNOPSIS.

### PART THREE.

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Stunned by the knowledge of Julia's decision, Noble Dill is conscious only of a keen desire to get away from everything that can remind him of the bright girl who has fallen on his life. At the railroad station, where his apparently aimless wanderings and actions are the occasion for unusual comment, he meets Julia, returning unexpectedly from her visit. The young lady perceives his state of mind, with which she is not entirely unfamiliar, and kindly invites him to her home, unaware of the tragedy of which she is the center. They find that Julia's father is out of town and the house about up a fact which Noble might have revealed had he been capable of conservative thought on any subject. Noble Dill's disquieted reproaches move Julia only to amusement, until that gentleman produces the fatal Oriole. Her first feeling of course is one of indignation, but she restores Noble's reason by the declaration that the statement is incorrect. She is not retained, however, as Julia's urgent pleading promises that happy youth will NEVER WILLY BE brought to the bar of judgment. Florence is forced to admit her responsibility for the "tragedy" in the Oriole and punishment is immediate and drastic. Julia has her revenge, however, through the medium of Wallace Torbin, though that young gentleman also meets with a fate of retribution. Publication of the Oriole in the "Herald" is a disaster, a fact which disturbs the two partners, less than their family suspicions, since Florence's secret rule which has been a scandal and the memory of their humiliating failure.

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"No," he murmured. "They never wait for me. Don't you want me to look after your trunk?"

"Not by sitting up all night with I on the porch," she said. "I'm going to stay here myself. I'm not going out. I don't want to see any of the family tonight."

"I thought you said you were hungry."

"I am; but there's enough in the pantry," I looked.

"Well, if you don't want to see any of 'em," he suggested, "and they know your father's away and think the house is empty, they're liable to notice the lights and come in—and then you'd have to see 'em."

"No; you can't see the lights of this room from the street, and I lit the lamp at the other end of the hall. The light near the front door," Julia added, "I put out."

"You did?"

"I can't see any of 'em to-night," she said resolutely. "Besides, I want to find out what you meant in the taxi-cab before I do anything else."

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